

January 16, 1953

Dr. P. R. Edwards
Communicable Disease Center
Box 185, Chamblee, Ga.

Dear Dr. Edwards:

Our Dean's office has now cleared my forthcoming trip to visit your laboratory. Although we are leaving here probably January 25, we shall probably arrive at Chamblee on February 2, and hope to stay about two weeks, or as long as is necessary to conclude our business. We should have ample time to go through a number of transduction experiments, and so forth, though this may depend on your other preoccupations.

As we will be driving (weather permitting), it would be quite convenient for us to bring any special media or glassware. The only thing I can think of that you might lack on short notice would be small Petri dishes (7 cm), which I have found to be most convenient for watching transductions of motility. Should I assume that any cultures I have mailed to you previously will be conveniently accessible, or would it be better for me to bring all of these as well? If I have mentioned any cultures that you should like to have, but that I have not already sent, please let me know.

Dr. Spicer and Mrs. Lederberg will be accompanying me, but Spicer will probably set off back to England after two or three days. Mrs. Lederberg's special interest concerns some serological and taxonomic problems with E. coli which we hope to discuss with Dr. Ewing and yourself if time permits.

The cultures and sera for S. javiana have not arrived, but in view of our impending departure there would be nothing to be gained by tracing them.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg